

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:  
a computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method of delaying an initiation of an operation, the method comprising:  
requesting that a user input a ~~set time for the operation after an initiation of the operation~~ delay criteria before the initiation of the operation; and  
delaying performance by the computer system of the operation until the ~~set time~~ delay criteria has been met;  
wherein the operation comprises at least one operation chosen from the group consisting of a print command, an e-mailing distribution, a software installation, a file transfer protocol upload, a web site posting and an internet phone call.
2. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the ~~set time for the operation includes one of: a user chosen hour, and a user chosen hour and minute, and a time interval~~ delay criteria is at least one chosen from the group consisting of a time interval, a set time, and the occurrence of a particular condition.
3. (Currently Amended) The computer-program product of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 2, wherein the particular condition comprises detection of an idle printer.
4. (Currently Amended) The program product medium of claim ~~[[21]]~~ 2, wherein the particular condition comprises detection of bandwidth availability on a network connection.

5. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein the operation comprises printing a document.
6. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein the delaying step comprises storing the document in a job store.
7. (Original) The computer program product of claim 6, wherein the job store comprises at least one item chosen from the group consisting of a printer memory, a personal computer memory, a spooler, a local area network, a wide area network, and an internet storage location.
8. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a computer system to perform a delayed operation comprising:
  - requesting that a user input a delay criteria ~~after~~ before an initiation of an operation; and
  - delaying performance of the operation until the ~~set time~~ delay criteria has been met; wherein the operation comprises at least one operation chosen from the group consisting of a print command, an e-mailing distribution, a software installation, a file transfer protocol upload, a web site posting and an internet phone call.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the ~~set time for the operation includes one of: a user chosen hour, and a user chosen hour and minute, and a time interval~~ delay criteria is at least one chosen from the group consisting of a time interval, a set time and the occurrence of a particular condition.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~22~~ 9, wherein the particular condition comprises detection of an idle printer.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~22~~ 9, wherein the particular condition comprises detection of bandwidth availability on a network connection.
12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the operation comprises printing a document.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the delaying step comprises storing the document in a job store.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the job store comprises at least one item from the group consisting of a printer memory, a personal computer memory, a spooler, a local area network, a wide are network and an internet storage location.
15. (Currently Amended) A computing system comprising:  
a processor;  
a user-programmable delaying device to receive a ~~set-time~~ delay criteria ~~after~~ before an initiation of an operation, the delaying device operably connected to the processor;  
a storage device operably connected to the processor; and  
a printer operably connected to the storage device.
16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the ~~set-time for the operation includes one of: a user chosen hour, a user chosen hour and minute, and a user chosen~~ delaying device can be delayed by a user-programmable time interval.
17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the delaying device can be delayed until a user-programmable time.
18. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the delaying device can be delayed until the occurrence of a user-programmable condition.
19. (Original) The system of claim 15, further comprising a job store.
20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the job store comprises at least one item chosen from the group consisting of a printer memory, a personal computer memory, a spooler, a local area network, a wide area network and an internet storage location.
21. (Canceled)
22. (Canceled)